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October 5, 2020

Mr. Tim Gehring
Director of Facilities Management
Worthington City School District
250 East Wilson Bridge Road
Worthington, Ohio 43085

Re: Report of Findings for the *Legionella* Environmental Sampling
Facility: Worthington Hills Elementary School
Address: 1221 Candlewood Dr, Columbus, OH 43235
Sample Date: September 21, 2020
L&A Project No: 20-0441

Dear Mr. Gehring,

Lawhon & Associates, Inc. (L&A) performed environmental sampling to document concentrations of *Legionella* in the building's domestic water system. This testing was performed as a proactive measure to ensure *Legionella* concentrations are at acceptable levels following a period of reduced occupancy. L&A's conclusions and recommendations relevant to the sampling performed are presented in this document.

METHODOLOGY

L&A performed environmental sampling for *Legionella* at the site on September 21, 2020. Field activities included a visual assessment of conditions, documentation of water temperatures and the collection of representative water samples for analysis to document *Legionella* concentrations. All activities were performed in accordance with recommendations published by OSHA, AIHA, CDC and current infection control literature. The samples were sent cold, by overnight mail, to U.S. Micro-Solutions, Inc, Greensburg, Pennsylvania for analysis by culture method. This lab is certified to perform *Legionella* analysis through the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Environmental *Legionella* Isolation Techniques Evaluation (Elite) Certification Program. U.S. Micro-Solutions, Inc. is also accredited by the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) through the Environmental Microbiology Proficiency Analytical Testing (EMPAT) Program.

FINDINGS

L&A collected ten (10) water samples from the domestic water system on this date. A summary of the analytical results is presented in Table 1. The comprehensive data set is presented in Appendix A. A copy of the laboratory report is included as Appendix B.

Table 1: Domestic Water Sampling Results

Location	Fixture	Water Source	Analytical Data (CFU/ml)
Mechanical Room	Municipal Water Main	Cold	ND
Boiler Room	Hot Water Tank	Hot	980
Restroom	Bathroom Faucet	Hot	ND
Classroom 15	Faucet	Cold	ND
Classroom 12	Faucet	Cold	ND
Classroom 5	Faucet	Cold	ND
Classroom K5	Faucet	Cold	ND
Admin Corridor	Faucet	Cold	ND
Kitchen	Faucet	Hot	5
Staff Lounge	Faucet	Hot	ND
<div><div>1. ND. <i>Legionella</i> species were not present above detection limits for the analytical method used.</div><div>2. OSHA recommends <i>Legionella</i> concentrations be maintained below 10 CFU/ml at domestic water outlets.</div></div>			

CONCLUSIONS

L&A conducted representative sampling of the domestic water system servicing the Worthington Hills Elementary School. As illustrated in Table 1, analytical results indicate that *Legionella pneumophila* was detected in two of the ten sample locations, one of which exceeded the OSHA guideline for domestic water (10 CFU/ml). The percentage of samples collected from this building that tested positive for *Legionella* (20%) was below the action limit prescribed by CDC (30%). L&A recommends the hot water tank be drained and refilled and water outlets throughout the building be flushed for at least five minutes while this temperature is maintained.

CLOSURE

L&A has prepared this report for your use in accordance with generally accepted inspection and testing practices. The information obtained in this report is site and time specific and pertains to this project only. This inspection evaluated the conditions that were readily accessible at the time of the investigation of the subject property and does not warrant against hidden conditions or future alteration of conditions at the site, as well as subsequent changes in regulations. The opinions expressed in this report are based on L&A's experience, relevant literature and available information.

This report was prepared for the exclusive use of the Worthington City School District. No other party may rely on this report unless expressly designated by the Client in writing. The use of the report is subject to the limitations and exceptions set forth in this report, as well as the terms and conditions contained in the original contract documents. L&A will not distribute or publish this report without the Client's consent, except as required by law or court order.

Thank you for the opportunity to assist you in this important matter. If you have any questions concerning this report, please contact Karrie Bontrager at (614) 481-8600, extension 136.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Karrie A. Bontrager', written in a cursive style.

Karrie A. Bontrager, LEED AP
Principal and Sr. Microbiologist

APPENDIX A

Comprehensive Data Set

APPENDIX B
Laboratory Analytical Report



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Customer Name: Lawhon & Associates
Customer Address: 1441 King Avenue
Columbus, OH 43201
Customer Phone: (614) 481-8600
PO Number:
Project Name/Number: 20-0441 Worthington CSD - Worthington Hills Elementary School

Sample Date: September 21, 2020
Date Received: September 22, 2020
Date of Report: September 30, 2020
Fax: (614) 481-8610
Attention: Karrie Bontrager & Matt Geiger
Analysis Date: September 22, 2020
Sample Time: 1010
Analysis Time (hrs): 30.5

Customer sample numbers below are uniquely identified by prefixing Laboratory # 98017-20

Water/Liquid Sample(s) for *Legionella* Culture - Analytical Method MIC 06 MIC 07 (ISO 11731:2017)

Sample Number	Media	Sample Description	Results of Microbial Analysis
W-WHE-92120-1	BCYE/GPCV	Mechanical Room - Municipal Water Main - Cold - First Draw	
AS = 0.5 CFU/mL (Volume examined: 100 mL)			Not Detected
W-WHE-92120-2	BCYE/GPCV	Boiler Room - Hot Water Tank - Hot - First Draw	
AS = 5 CFU/mL (Volume examined: 100 mL)			Positive - 980 CFU/mL <i>Legionella pneumophila</i> Serogroup 2-14
W-WHE-92120-3	BCYE/GPCV	Restroom - Bathroom Faucet - Hot - Flush	
AS = 0.5 CFU/mL (Volume examined: 100 mL)			Not Detected
W-WHE-92120-4	BCYE/GPCV	Classroom 15 - Faucet - Cold - Flush	
AS = 0.5 CFU/mL (Volume examined: 100 mL)			Not Detected
W-WHE-92120-5	BCYE/GPCV	Classroom 12 - Faucet - Cold - First Draw	
AS = 0.5 CFU/mL (Volume examined: 100 mL)			Not Detected
W-WHE-92120-6	BCYE/GPCV	Classroom 5 - Faucet - Cold - Flush	
AS = 0.5 CFU/mL (Volume examined: 100 mL)			Not Detected

Notes:

CFU/mL = colony forming units per milliliter, AS = analytical sensitivity.
Results are reported as Positive or Not Detected.

A negative culture for *Legionella* spp. from a sample does not necessarily rule out its presence.
Results relate only to the samples tested. Results are reported as calculated. For biological data, the first and/or second digit should be considered significant.

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Sharon Danko

Sharon Danko, AS, MLT (ASCP)

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Sample Number	Media	Sample Description	Results of Microbial Analysis
W-WHE-92120-7	BCYE/GPCV	Classroom K2 - Faucet - Cold - Flush	
AS = 0.5 CFU/mL (Volume examined: 100 mL)			Not Detected
W-WHE-92120-8	BCYE/GPCV	Admin Corridor - Bottle Filling Station - Cold - Flush	
AS = 0.5 CFU/mL (Volume examined: 100 mL)			Not Detected
W-WHE-92120-9	BCYE/GPCV	Kitchen - Faucet - Hot - Flush	
AS = 5 CFU/mL (Volume examined: 100 mL)			Positive - 5 CFU/mL <i>Legionella pneumophila</i> Serogroup 2-14
W-WHE-92120-10	BCYE/GPCV	Staff Lounge - Faucet - Hot - Flush	
AS = 0.5 CFU/mL (Volume examined: 100 mL)			Not Detected

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Results are reported as Positive or Not Detected.

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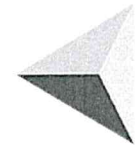
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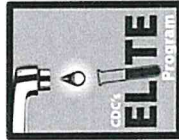


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LEGIONELLA / WATER TEST REQUEST - CHAIN OF CUSTODY

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ADDRESS: 1441 King Avenue	CITY: Columbus	STATE: Ohio ZIP: 43201

ATTENTION TO: Karrie Bontrager & Matt Geiger E-MAIL: kbontrager@lawhon-assoc.com & mgeiger@

SAMPLE OBTAINED BY: Matt Geiger	RESULTS: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAX <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EMAIL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PROJECT NAME/NUMBER: 20-0441 Worthington CSD - Worthington Hills Elementary School	PO#
# SAMPLES: 10	Samples collected in New York state? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

SAMPLE NUMBER	SAMPLE DATE / TIME	SAMPLE LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION	SAMPLE TYPE		POTABLE WATER		TEST TYPE			LAB USE ONLY	
			WATER	SWAB	YES	NO	LEGIONELLA	Heterotrophic Plate Count	Chlorine (ppm)	Temperature (°C)	
W-WHE-92120-1	9/21/2020 10:10am-10:45am	Mechanical Room - Municipal Water Main - Cold - First Draw	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
W-WHE-92120-2	9/21/2020 10:10am-10:45am	Boiler Room - Hot Water Tank - Hot - First Draw	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
W-WHE-92120-3	9/21/2020 10:10am-10:45am	Restroom - Bathroom Faucet - Hot - Flush	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
W-WHE-92120-4	9/21/2020 10:10am-10:45am	Classroom 15 - Faucet - Cold - Flush	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
W-WHE-92120-5	9/21/2020 10:10am-10:45am	Classroom 12 - Faucet - Cold - First Draw	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
W-WHE-92120-6	9/21/2020 10:10am-10:45am	Classroom 5 - Faucet - Cold - Flush	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
W-WHE-92120-7	9/21/2020 10:10am-10:45am	Classroom K2 - Faucet - Cold - Flush	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
W-WHE-92120-8	9/21/2020 10:10am-10:45am	Admin Corridor - Bottle Filling Station - Cold - Flush	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
W-WHE-92120-9	9/21/2020 10:10am-10:45am	Kitchen - Faucet - Hot - Flush	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

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RECEIVED BY - LAB USE ONLY	DATE AND TIME	LABORATORY NUMBER
<i>NAJ COL</i>	09/22/20 1415	98017-20

